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2. A small group of communists also discussed the recent refusal by the Soviets to [redacted] the German Alliance in the matter of Western spies on the basis of [redacted] note by the government council. The functionaries expressed the belief that the publication of the results produced by the SED and other organizations, which had not been made at any direct initiative of the Soviets, had been made to influence the Soviets to take action and that this attempt apparently was a failure.
3. Discussing the state of the workers and the membership of the party organizations, [redacted] that the enemy propaganda on the food shortage had caused damage among the population in East Germany [redacted]. The attitude of economic and trade [redacted] the recently criticized.
4. In his speech, Willi Stoph [redacted] upon recent publications on the subject [redacted] that the new [redacted] claimed [redacted] of time all those allegedly been poisoned some of the functionaries could not help smiling.
5. When Stoph discussed national defense, he implied that universal military training would not be introduced, the KVP would not be reorganized into a national army by the inclusion of new elements and that the groups of communist comrades, candidates, and non-partisan members from whom the KVP could be recruited would not be enlarged. He said that no uniformed police forces but "Arbeiterschutzbildung der Partei", probably SED combat groups attached to nationalized factories, administrations, and MTS, would be organized. He further stated that the "Gesellschaft fuer Sport und Technik" (Society for Sports and Technology) would be increased from 30,000 members to at least 60,000 members and would be

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reorganized on a more military pattern. He added that all non-military activities would be left to sport organizations

6. Stoph stated that all party members, with the exception of members of party district headquarters, had to sign up for two to three year terms of service with the KVP. Stoph stated that only about 20,000 of the prescribed quota of 40,000 had yet signed up for reasons of egoism, opportunism, and bourgeois pacifism. ~~It was stated that some women would marry only for the sake of being exempted from military service.~~
7. Stoph indicated that scarcely 10,000 of the more than 30,000 KVPs whose three-year term of service expired could obtain ~~employment~~. He said that factories refused to employ these ~~people~~ and that both arrogant and indolent and were unable to live up to the requirements of the "new style of working".
8. The functionaries severely criticized the "Arbeitsschutz-Organisationen" (combat groups) and stated that their development was completely unsatisfactory. They stated that the factory party organizations (BPOs), the factory labor union (BGL) headquarters, and the FDJ had often neglected their duties in a "criminal way".
9. The speech made by Karl Schirdewan indicated that:
 - a. The party functionaries were unable to deal with unscrupulous opportunists and were unqualified for their duties.
 - b. The party apparatus was unable to exert influence on most of the comrades, could submit only voluminous reports and practiced lamentable self-criticism but failed to do practical work.
 - c. The cadre policy, that is the selection of comrades and candidates for economic and administrative functions, proved unsatisfactory especially regarding an action which was initiated in an effort to employ qualified comrades for agriculture.
 - d. The work of the mass organizations was unsatisfactory. Schirdewan's speech created the impression that the FDGB, the FDD, and the FDJ functionaries were unable to do their duties, that the "Kulturbund" was a domain for reactionaries, and that the Society for German-Soviet Friendship was inactive.

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2. A small group of functionaries also discussed the evident refusal by the Soviets to make another protest to the Western allies on the question of Western spies on the basis of the decision made by the ministers' council. The functionaries expressed the belief that the publication of the results produced by the SED and other organizations, which had not been made at any direct initiative of the Soviets, had been made to influence the Soviets to take action and that this attempt apparently was a failure.
3. Discussing the mood of the workers and the membership of the party organizations, it was held that the enemy propaganda on the food shortage had caused alarm among the population in East Germany. The attitude of economic and trade officials was severely criticised.
4. In his speech, Willi Stoph commented upon recent publications on the alleged arrest of Western spies. He admitted that the number of 522 agents claimed to have been arrested had been accumulated during a long period of time and that many cases could not be clarified. When Stoph mentioned the cattle which had allegedly been poisoned some of the functionaries could not help smiling.
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